(a) whether Government are aware that the circumstances of the disappearance/death of Subhash Chandra Bose have not been authentically settled to this day;

(b) whether Government would press the Governments of UK, USA, Taiwan and Japan to make public the confidential findings of their respective inquiries into the subject; and

(c) whether the 'secret' file on the subject containing more than forty documents will be retrieved and made public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) (a) to (c) In view of the fact that the circumstances of the disappearance/ death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose have already been looked into by two Commissions of Inquiry earlier, it has been felt by the Government that no useful purpose would be served by holding yet another enquiry.

Relations with West Asian and North African Countries

591. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas of bilateral cooperation between India and the countries in West Asia and North Africa;

(b) what has been the concrete outcome of this cooperative effort; and

(c) the steps being taken to strengthen these relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Bilateral cooperation between India and countries of West Asia and North Africa encompasses diverse areas of mutual interest including political consultations, trade, investment, culture, science and technology and efforts to combat terrorism and organised crime.

(b) The concrete outcome of this cooperative effort is more diversified and intense economic cooperation, greater political understanding on key bilateral and multilateral issues and enhanced people-to-people contacts.

(c) Steps to strengthen India's relations with countries of West Asia and North Africa is a continuous effort including bilateral visits, signing of appropriate agreements and promoting greater people-to-people contacts.

दिल्ली में मांग पर टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्रदान करना

592. श्री ओ.पी. कोहली: क्या संचार मंत्री 19 नवम्बर, 1995 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न 43 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार दिल्ली में मांग पर टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्रदान करने की स्थिति में है; और

(ख) इस संबंध में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम): (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय दूरसंचार नीति, 1994 में, दिल्ली सहित पूरे देश में वर्ष 1997 तक, मांग पर टेलीफोन प्रदान करने की परिकल्पना की गई है। इस उद्देश्य की प्राप्ति के लिए, उपस्कर तथा अन्य संसाधनों के समय पर उपलब्ध होने पर, वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान दिल्ली में 272700 सीधी एक्सचेंज लाइनें प्रदान करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है। 31.1.96 तक कुल 87384 टेलीफोन प्रदान किए गए हैं और परिणामत: प्रतीक्षा सूची में 31.1.96 की स्थिति के अनुसार 18670 आवेदक रह गए हैं, जबकि 31.3.95 की स्थिति के अनुसार प्रतीक्षा सूची में 130245 आवेदक दर्ज थे।

Noise and Air pollution due to installation of high powered generator set

593. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of complaints have been received against Zee Television, South Extension, New Delhi for installing high powered Generator Set on top roof of their residential building creating both noise and air pollution;

(b) if so, when the complaints were received; and

(c) the action taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) A complaint was received in the last week of